**Liber Primus, Caput X**

Caesari renuntiatur Helvetiis esse in animo per agrum Sequanorum et Haeduorum iter in Santonum fines facere, qui non longe a Tolosatium finibus absunt, quae civitas est in provincia. Id si fieret, intellegebat futuram rem periculosam provinciae ut haberet homines bellicosos, populi Romani inimicos, locis patentibus maximeque frumentariis[[1]](#footnote-1) finitimos. Ob eas causas ei munitioni[[2]](#footnote-2) quae fecerat, T. Labienum legatum praefecit; ipse in Italiam magnis itineribus contendit duasque ibi legiones conscribit et tres, quae circum Aquileiam[[3]](#footnote-3) hiemebant, ex hibernis[[4]](#footnote-4) educit et, qua proximum iter in ulteriorem Galliam per Alpes erat, cum his quinque legionibus ire contendit. Ibi Ceutrones et Graioceli et Caturiges locis superioribus occupatis itinere exercitum prohibere conantur. Conpluribus his proeliis pulsis, in fines Vocontiorum die septimo pervenit; inde in Allobrogum fines, ab Allobrogibus in Segusiavos exercitum ducit. Hi sunt extra provinciam trans Rhodanum primi.

**Vocabularium**

**Helvetiis esse in animo…**: “the Helvetians had in mind…” + infinitive

**futuram:** “it would be”

**provinciae**: *dative*

**inimicos:** “enemies” + genitive

**praeficio:** “to put X (accusative) in charge of Y (dative)”

**tres:** add *“legiones”*

**qua**: “where”

**quinque**: *goes with his legionibus*

**locis superioribus occupatis:** “since they occupied higher ground”

**proeliis:** *ablative of means inside the ablative absolute*

**pulsis**: “driven back”

**primi:** *goes with* ***hi***

1. locis patentibus maximeque frumentariis finitimos: “[that he would have warmongering people] as neighbors in accessible and hugely fertile lands” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. munitioni *refers to the huge wall that Caesar had previously built to stop the Helvetians from migrating.*  [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Aquileiam: *a Roman town in northern Italy close to the Alps—still exists today as a small Italian town.*  [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. hibernis: *winter camp quarters that troops would station in during the winter* [↑](#footnote-ref-4)